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To: Amy Wolfson <Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov>

Subject: re: Proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary

Dear Nevada City Planning Commission and Nevada City Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to receive input on the proposed Medical Marijuana Dispensary for Nevada City. My name is Mark Hadley and I serve as one of the Pastors at Twin Cities Church in our community. I am writing to you from the perspective of someone who has worked with youth for over 30 years. I have worked with youth through the YMCA, through Group Homes, and through the church. I have great concerns regarding the proposed dispensary – specifically regarding the effects on the youth of our community.

I have seen marijuana use has dramatic negative effects on hundreds of youth that I have worked with, as well as close friends and family members. I acknowledge that the dispensary is specifically for medical purposes. But I also know from firsthand experience that it is very easy for a young person to get a prescription for marijuana for things as simple as emotional pain and trauma and claimed physical pain that cannot be verified by a qualified physician. I know dozens and dozens of kids who have done this. Making marijuana more accessible to our community I believe is not beneficial. I agree that medical marijuana does indeed help cancer patients and those who suffer from seizures and other medical issues. Purchasing medicinal marijuana online is available for these patients. Local dispensaries just introduce the potential for increased local growing and consumption and more headaches for our local law enforcement and community members.

I hope that you will carefully weigh the impact this proposal will have on law enforcement, youth, community demographics, property values, and the moral climate of our community. Great leaders stand and do the right thing, even when it is not popular or expedient. That's what makes them great. As guardians of our community I have confidence that you are committed to investing in things that unite and build our community and protect us from things that divide and undermine it. I hope you will consider my thoughts that I have shared.

Thank you respectfully for your time,



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